

Transitional Kindergarten Newsletter
Wednesday, August 29, 2018

Thank you to all of you for getting our year off to a great start! Every month you will receive a Transitional Kindergarten Newsletter. Please take the time to read through all the information as I will try my best to keep you informed of all the many activities that concern your child and our class including field trips, parties, curriculum and upcoming events.

Starting the Day

Every day there is yard supervision in front of the classrooms beginning at 8:10 a.m. Staff members are there to watch Woodside students on the playground, which should help families who are part of a carpool or for students that are dropped off by parents. You are expected to be at school by 8:25 and will be marked tardy if you are not in our classroom at that time. Please check into the office if you are not here on time. Your child will be marked absent. During the next few weeks, will allow for about 10-15 minutes for everyone to get settled in before we begin our circle time. I will have activities available on tables or stories to read on the rug. Once I call the students over to the tree rug, please say goodbye to your child and quietly leave the room.

Ending the Day

When school is dismissed =, please wait outside our classroom when you come to pick up your child. Be sure to leave a note on the white board outside the classroom or email me if your child will be picked up by anyone other than a parent or regular caretaker. If play dates are made over the course of the day I need to be made aware of where the students need to go and with whom they are able to leave the campus with. E-mail is the best way to inform me of changes throughout the day.

What To Bring To School

Everyday your child should come to school with a backpack (big enough to hold a 9" x 12" homework folder and a library book), a healthy morning snack, drink or water bottle and a lunch. We have snack and lunchtime everyday, including minimum days. Refrigeration and microwaving are not available for children's lunches. If you are interested in signing up for hot lunches or milk, please sign up on the school website.

School Clothes

Please send your child to school in practical, comfortable clothes. Running shoes are required during P.E. (on Mondays) and recess on the playground.

Transitional Kindergarten is a very active, messy, hands-on place. Between art projects, science activities and gardening, the students will get dirty! Please send your child with clothes that can easily be washed.

If you have not done so yet, please send a change of clothes to school "just in case of an accident." In a labeled gallon Ziploc bag; send a change of underwear, socks, pants and a T-shirt. This bag will be stored in the classroom and will be returned at the end of the year.

Getting Plenty of Rest

The first few weeks of Transitional Kindergarten are especially tiring, adjusting to all the newness of school. Please give your child the extra rest needed to prepare for a fun, busy day of learning in TK. I recommend not over-scheduling your child with too many extracurricular activities during the first few weeks of school. Make sure that they get plenty of sleep (10-12 hours) and eat a healthy breakfast every day.

Keep Us Healthy!

I remind students to wash their hands frequently in the classroom and to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth. In light of the upcoming flu season, please be sure to keep your child home if he or she is sick. Students with flu-like symptoms must stay home at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without the use of medications.

After School Student Assessments

Please see the attached sign up form for TK Student Assessments. I will meet with each student individually after school for 30 minutes to get to know each child, their strengths, challenges, interests and basic skill set. I will ask that caregivers/parents wait outside during this time.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held in October to discuss results and goals. Please return the sign-up form by Friday. I will e-mail a confirmation of your assigned date and time.

Back to School Night

Back to School night at Woodside School is Sept. 6th at 6-6:45pm I will be presenting a lot of information about our TK class, curriculum, specialists, routines, events and field trips. There will be sign-ups for our class celebrations and information about volunteering. If you are not able to make it to Back to School Night tomorrow night, I have prepared a packet of information that I send home.

Class Fund

At the beginning of each school year a class fund is created. We estimate how much we will need to cover all of our class related expenses, such as field trips, class parties, teacher gifts, and the auction items. We ask parents to pay a lump sum which helps us budget, as well as eliminates the need to constantly ask for money as each event approaches. Due to many special events we are able to include in the Transitional Kindergarten year, we are asking parents to contribute \$100.00 per child. Any left over funds will follow this TK class to Kindergarten, and scholarships are available if needed. (Speak with the school office about scholarships.) Checks can be made out to Woodside School Class Fund. Be sure to include your child's name and class on the check. You may bring your checks with you to Back to School Night or turn it into the office.

TK Wishlists

If you would like to help by donating items for the classroom, use these links to purchase items to be sent here directly. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

Lakeshore:

<https://www.lakeshorelearning.com>

Click on Shoppings lists and search with svirgallito@woodsideschool.us

Amazon: Go to: Accounts and Lists, then Find a List, Search for Sonja Virgallito

Important Dates:

No School - Monday September 4th - Labor Day

Thursday, Sept. 6th - Back to School Night - 6:00 p.m.

Back to School BBQ- Friday September 7 at 5:30 (see website for info and tickets)

Beginning Monday, October 1 - TK Students dismissed at 2:30 pm